

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the Abstract, drawings and claims 4 and 5 are amended. No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-3 and 5-9 are allowed and that claim 4 would be allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is overcome. Because the rejection is overcome for the reasons described below, claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, the Abstract is objected to. An amended Abstract is attached that removes the objected to legal terminology and shortens the Abstract to 150 words. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

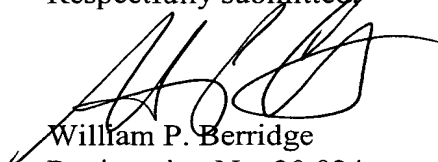
In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to for not containing various reference numbers identified in the specification. By this Amendment, replacement drawings Figs. 1-7 are provided. Fig. 3 is amended to add reference to elements 18A, 18B, 19A and 29B as requested. Because these elements and their location are readily identifiable from the specification on page 7, no new matter is added. The remaining drawing Figs. 1, 2 and 4-7 have been formalized. No new matter is added. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, claim 4 is amended to provide proper antecedent support. Claim 4 is thus concise and definite. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-9 and approval of the replacement drawings are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:

Amended Abstract
Replacement Sheets (Figs. 1-7)

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets makes changes to Fig. 3 and formalizes Figs. 1-2 and 4-7 and replaces the original sheets with Figs. 1-7.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets